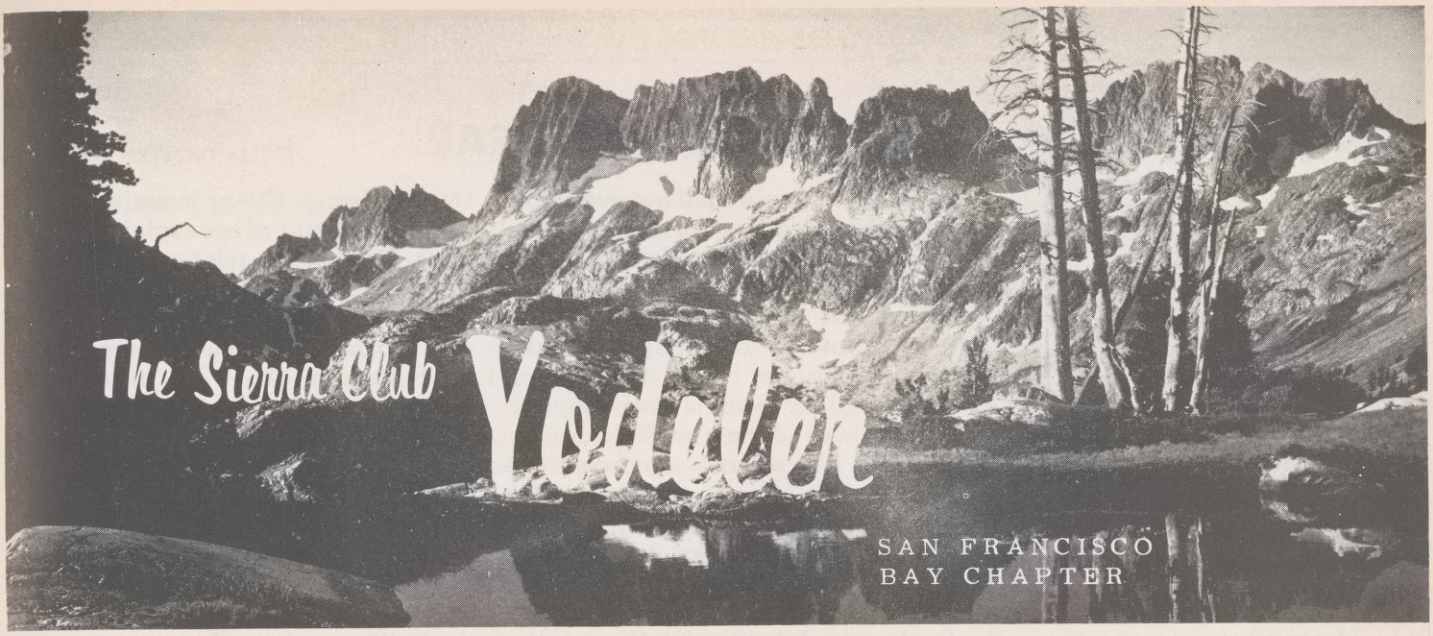

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Be Patriotic—Attend Your Annual Dinner

Mark your calendars right now for the Bay Chapter's Annual Dinner—May 3!

The traditional event is held each year in conjunction with the May meeting of the Board of Directors and Club Council, and it offers you an opportunity to meet your elected representatives.

This year the setting will be the Leamington Hotel at 19th and Franklin Streets in Oakland. Exhibits from the several sections will be displayed in the lobby of the hotel and a social hour may be enjoyed in the Victory Room before the crowd gathers in the Crystal Ballroom for dinner and a special program.

"Reliable sources" indicate it will be an especially interesting evening—yours for only $3.75 per person. Dress will be informal.

Reservation blanks will be mailed this month to all Chapter members, together with the ballots for the election of the Board of Directors.

The Bay Chapter hosts have the capable chairmanship of Georgella Perry, with Ned Jack responsible for decorations and exhibits.

They extend a cordial invitation to the Annual Dinner to all members of the Sierra Club.

See you there!

—Bonnie Hubbard

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW

An amendment has been offered to the budget bill (the whole bill is now called A. B. 1), correcting the wording which has prevented release of money appropriated for additions to Tamalpais and some other State parks by the last legislature. Mr. Casper Weinberger has introduced this in the Assembly, Senator Arthur Breed in the Senate.

The amendment, our best chance of assuring the necessary additions to the park, will be debated in the Ways and Means Committee on or soon after Tuesday, March 11.

If you have not yet written to your representative in Sacramento, we hope you will do so directly after you read this. You know the need for more parkland and you can ask your assemblyman and senator to correct the wording that has stymied the additions they themselves voted for last year

This is a time when letters from other Chapters, such as Loma Prieta and Central Valley, can be of enormous help. Write to your own assemblyman or senator (ask your newspaper or county clerk for the name) at the State Capitol, Sacramento 14.

—C.M.C.

AVALANCHE

The whole mountainside is moving! Oliver, what a stupid guy you are to be here!

Thus began the latest pickle I got myself into. My first inclination was to keep the incident quiet and minimize my already substantial notoriety. But accidents should be reported in the interest of preventing others.

However, I am sure my natural reticence combined with my natural laziness would have prevented me from writing it up had it not been for a little prodding. But now I'm at it, I might as well give it the full melodramatic treatment for the benefit of readers who can't afford the *Saturday Evening Post*.

I was skiing Mt. Lincoln right next to a much-skied area above the finish of the Silver Belt course, and I swung away from that slope in quest of powder snow. I started down an unskied gully. The crunch underneath was misinterpreted as crust; it was slab. After three turns I stopped and the slope started.

What do the books say? Take off skis and poles. Long thongs made the first impractical. I took the right wrist strap off and grabbed the pole in the middle. Although I did this so as not to lose my pole. I believe it had value in giving me something to push on without trapping my hand.

By this time I was lying on my

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back, with skis downhill. The ride was gentle, and I did not take off my other strap—unwarranted overconfidence. Suddenly, I was spun around and a churning motion buried my head. It was dark, and I did not go for that nonsense at all I thought of instructions to swim in this situation, and tried a backstroke. My head emerged.

The slide stopped. I was a little surprised to see I was 200 feet from where I had started. From fracture to tip was between 400 and 500 feet. I had started 50 feet below the fracture, and believe I was lucky to be near the top instead of having the snow fall on me.

Apparently no one saw all this, and if I had been trapped I would have been missed a day and a half later when my passengers wanted to go home.

I found my Christian faith in a continuing life was helpful; I never got scared. That made the ride more enjoyable. However, this must be rated as a dangerous activity that should not be engaged in alone.

—Earl Oliver

Earl Oliver, in addition to his avalanche riding skills, is the inventor of the Oliver Twist (a 450-degree right turn for skiers who can't turn left), and the winner of our award for the most difficult feat of 1957 (changing into long-johns in the height of a blizzard). —H.F.

MOUNTAIN-EARS HEAR

After stewing about not receiving any Yodeler issues for three times, what happened last week? I got nothing less than three copies of the same issue. It is nice getting three copies, but unfortunately there are only two people in our family—so, does anybody want a free copy of the last issue of the Yodeler?

H. R. Petersen has some pending news for this column, and he said he will let us know all the details as soon as he has definite information.

Restaurants always seem to be out of whatever food *Howard* orders for dinner—I don't think this is why he is going to Europe next month, but it might be, since the situation is getting serious. He will have a lot of opportunities to see what service and food is like there since he will visit Rome, the country of Norway, and several other places which he is not positive of as yet, since his itinerary is not yet complete. However, he did say he would send us postcards from all over the place.

Going to Europe seems quite the thing to do for members of the Yodeler Staff. *Cicely Christy* is going to England next fall. You can see that with the key members of our staff over in Europe, we are going to be a little bit short handed. (Logic: Join the Yodeler staff and eventually you will make a trip to Europe. Of course, there is the small item of having enough money, but who cares about such details, when you can get to work on the Yodeler.)

Howard has things pretty well under control since he has initiated into the staff a new member, *Hal Hungerford,* who was previously Managing Editor of the college paper, "Daily Californian." Lucky for us we have a professional member to keep our knees from wobbling until Howard gets back from his vacation.

Another Club member, who will be enjoying herself in Europe this summer, is *Helen Waterman.* She will be leaving June 21 to spend a month touring England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

Barbara Tilden is going underground with some cave explorers—leave it to Barbara to discover something different. She promised to give us a full account of her exploits.

Fred Sandrock relates some sad news which might alert Club members to the state of affairs on U.S. 40: "During the middle of breakfast, on February 16, CTL manager, *Keith Lummis* made a pathetic request for a Chev wheel! Club member *Julius Siddon,* (Sugar Bowl Ski Patrol) had both rear wheels of his Chevrolet convertible stolen—lugs and all.

In the recent March-April issue of *Motorland* magazine, published by the California State Automobile Association, is the interesting article on California's Inland State Parks. (We mentioned this in the last issue and said to be on the lookout for it—and we mentioned the fact that *Charles S. Webber* has several of his pictures included in the article.) The article gives a brief description of parks and includes a map which helps you locate their position. It is a nice little article as it will give you some good ideas on where to go this summer. There are opportunities for views, hiking, camping, or a good old Sunday picnic.

—N.P.

News of the Council

Although there are only two Council meetings a year, the work of the Council is a continuous thing. Among the many committees now studying problems are the Expanded Club Headquarters Committee, a committee to define authority of Chapters in working on conservation projects, one on the allocation of expenses of Club headquarters to Chapters, one on memorials, and, last but not least, the Committee on the Conference on Information and Education, which has arranged the two-day meeting at Josephine Randall Junior Museum in San Francisco March 15-16. For last minute reservations call Helen Waterman, HIgate 4-1652, or the Sierra Club office.

—Roy Dubisch,
Council Representative

Information and Education Conference

The I & E Conference will meet March 15-16. It's not too late to register; call Helen Waterman at HIgate 4-1652 by Tuesday, March 11.

One of the subjects the I & E Conference will discuss is conservation education among our members.

Do our members need educating? Consider this incident.

The Natural Science Section trip to the Zoo brought nearly a hundred persons who must have read their Schedules or Yodeler.

Among the group waiting at the entrance, we noticed a discarded cigarette glowing brightly on the ground. Someone stamped it out, with a mutter of protest.

"Oh, that won't do any harm," said the girl who had thrown it down . . .

She was not the only one who needed educating. The rest of us had nothing to say.

What should we have said to meet that special occasion? How should we say it cheerfully but definitely, without antagonizing a newcomer?

—C.M.C.

About the Bear Valley hike March 16—cars should meet at Olema at 9:30 a.m. This is one of the "important" and much-enjoyed hikes that is repeated by popular demand, or perhaps we might say common consent.

—Ethel Unselt

CAR CAMPING

Stretch Swinford has a cabin on the South Fork of the Feather River and has invited as many car campers as can crowd inside (interior dimensions 20-ft. x 20-ft., with special foot rests for those who have trained themselves to sleep standing up), under (it's built 3 feet off the ground) and around the cabin (the Swinfords have 5 acres) to spend the March 22-23 weekend there.

No advance reservations are necessary, but if the driving instructions below seem to need clarification, Stretch will be happy to give more details. His phone number is KEllogg 4-7860. If there is more rain, it would also be a good idea to phone him to make sure the cabin is still there. Stretch is hoping the floods will stay away from his door at least until he buys insurance against flood damage.

Campers must provide their own drinking water, but there is enough surface water for washing. There is also enough firewood.

Here are the driving instructions: US40 Alt to Oroville (or 99W through Gridley and by county road to Oroville). East on the Old Forbestown Road out of Oroville past Lake Wyandotte. At the far end of Lake Wyandotte, take the left fork uphill and stay on it until you reach the Feather River South Fork Canyon. At the bottom of the canyon, pass the white elementary schoolhouse and go over the one-way bridge. Turn left on the ranch road and after four miles on the road you should be able to look into the woods 100 feet and see the Swinfords' cabin, which by then will bear a sign "Toyon Knoll" in honor of the toyon berries in the area. If you don't find the cabin—well, you should have phoned Stretch before you started.

—A.R.

WEST POINT CLUB HOSTESS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH AND APRIL, 1958

*Mar. 15-16	Marie Chabaud	GRaystone 4-7018	Evenings
Mar. 22-23	Private Party		
*Mar. 29-30	Grace & Alan Woodward	DUnlap 8-2543	Evenings
Apr. 5- 6	Mary Garland	WAlnut 1-5452	Evenings
*Apr. 12-13	Wanda & Marjorie Goody	SKyline 1-4295	Evenings
Apr. 19-20	Pat Pace	THornhill 1-1252	Evenings
*Apr. 26-27	Marie Chabaud	GRaystone 4-7018	Evenings

*COMMISARY

RIVER TOURING SECTION

March 2—The water level on the Russian River was perfect and equal to the best on the Feather River Run. Five early birds enjoyed a warm, sunny day and fine "haystacks" from Squaw Rock to Cloverdale. Jim Thor and Bryce Whitmore used the run as a shakedown cruise for their new wet suits and reported they had never been so comfortable on a spring trip. Dave Gray proved the suits were not necessary by swimming over a quarter of a mile in the cold water, but he was really trying to save his new T-65 foldboat which had upset and swamped. The boat was recovered from the brush, Dave thawed out, and all five look forward to another fine run on March 30 when Barbara Tilden will lead the trip.

Boat Show

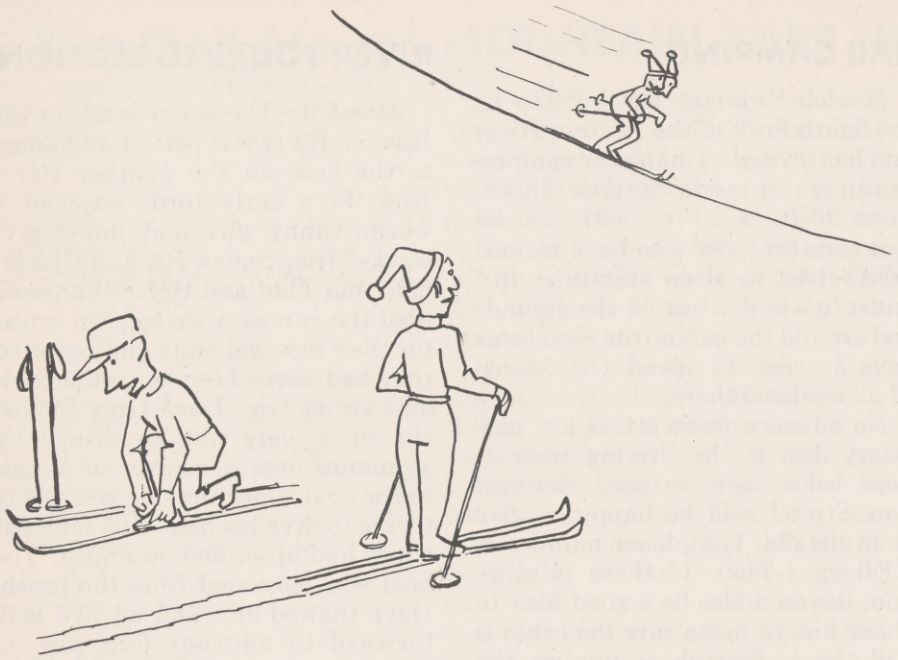
March 11—The Old Canoe House on Lake Merritt will be full of all types of kayaks and foldboats on display for the Annual Boat Show.

Georgie White, "Woman of the River," will be our guest and show one of her best movies. All are welcome.

March 18—The River Section will welcome all persons interested in learning river running technique. The meeting will start at 8 p.m. in the YMCA on Telegraph Avenue in Oakland. There will be two more training classes at the same place and at the same time, on April 1 and 15. Additional training classes will be held in a swimming pool to give beginners a chance to practice and try out the various boats.

Plans for the Rogue River vacation trip from Grants Pass to Gold Beach have been completed. The cost of the six days on this beautiful river with a professional river guide will be only around $40.00, including meals. A deposit with the guide is needed to clinch the deal so everyone planning the trip should send a reservation and $10.00 to James P. Thor by the March 11 meeting. No Intermediate or Advanced boater should miss this trip.

--Elinore Ridge



So you see a skier with a pair of heads, so what?

HELP OUR RACERS

So far, only $3000 of the $8000 needed to get our FIS team home has been raised. Stamps depicting a skier in powder snow are being sold to help raise the funds. Individual contributions may be sent to the Far West Ski Association, Box 374, Pasadena, Calif. They need your help!

The Donner Trail Memorial Marathon Race will be revived this year on March 29. Lodging and meals will be provided at Donner Summit Lodge. A physical examination will be necessary before entry. Your starting time and number will be drawn March 28. The course will follow the pipeline trail to Donner Lake.

There is a possibility of having a roundtable discussion with the State Highway Patrol at a future Bay Area Ski Federation meeting. If you have any constructive criticisms or suggestions to make, see Don Huber.

As a P.S.—an orange flag with a black cross is the marker now in use by the Ski Patrol at Donner Ski Ranch and Sugar Bowl. It means DANGER!

GIANT SLALOM

The second annual Bill Freitas Memorial Race will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Donner Ski Ranch.

It will feature a dual giant slalom and a mixed Bay Area clubs team race, with 10 to 15 racers per team, and as many teams per club as desired.

The day will be topped off with an awards dinner at Donner Lake Lodge, starting with a no-host cocktail party at 6:30 p.m. The roast beef dinner will be held at 8 p.m. Price is $2.50 including tax and tip.

A permanent trophy will be engraved with the name of the winning team and a replica trophy presented to the winning team. Medals will be awarded for the first three places among men and women.

A yodeling contest with prize and dancing will follow dinner.

CTL NEWS—Feb. 22-23

George Washington's Birthday was slightly overcast, but no precipitation occurred. Skiing was terrific, especially Sunday when the sky was blue most of the time and the snow stayed fairly packed. As usual, Sunday Slalom was held. Jim Nicklos is embarking on a new policy; the Slalom is strictly for fun and laughs—ask anyone who ran it.

By the way, anyone interested in passing tests for 4th, 3rd or 2nd class can get in touch with a judge at the lodge. (A list of qualified judges is posted in the dining room.)

Jean Kearney, who has been lost in the wilds of the East Coast for the past 18 months, has returned to the "hills of home." A few of her comments upon arriving at the Lodge: "What happened to the coffins? Boy, the work parties have been busy! I was sorry to hear about Chinook, but I see Smokey is still here, looking for a warm bunk in which to curl up. Wow! What snow! Back East, the last time I sent skiing, we had three inches of powder over ice and rock base. This was skiing? My base mix hasn't recovered yet!" Glad to have you back, Jeannie.

Saturday night there was lots of entertainment: a group of people gathered around a ukelele and a song book, then proceeded to provide the rest of us with some very good harmony; Keith showed a movie, depicting "The Resources of the Northwest," most interesting; and, as usual, folk dancing and teaching in the living room. Around the fire gathered those who were studying (??), mending various and sundry articles, or just chatting.

Sunday night the rain had the courtesy to hold off until after dinner. It then started to come down, but not for long, we hope.

—Roberta Codis

Tickets For Winter Olympics To Go On Sale

The sale of tickets for the 1960 Winter Olympic Games to be held in Squaw Valley, California will go on sale this spring. Applications are being taken now. To put your name on the waiting list write to the Ticket Department, Organizing Committee, VIII Olympic Winter Games, 465 California Street, San Francisco, California. Your letter will be time-dated and you will be in line for the tickets when they go on sale. Forms and ticket prices will be forwarded to you then.

RACQUETEERS TRIP

The snowshoe trip to Salmon Lake is a long-standing Racqueteer tradition (one year old!) and the 31 participants in this year's trip were unanimous in agreeing that the trip more than lived up to the advance billing.

The six-mile trek in, while all uphill, is a gentle slope, and spectacular views of the Sierras spur one on.

Highlights of the weekend: the look on Bob Smith's face when, after carrying a portable phonograph all the way in, he discovered that the Ebberts have acquired a beautiful new one since last year. . . Mrs. Ebberts' salute to Washington's Birthday with molded jello salad squares, each with a watercress "cherry tree" and three "cherries" cut with a thimble from tomato aspic . . . Folk dancers trying to sing "Carido" and dance it at the same time—at 6000 feet elevation! . . . Henry Fraser's follow-up on the discussion in the car of the weekend as a typical Agatha Christie murder locale; with a knife stuck through a buttonhole of his shirt into a block of wood, his body tumbled down the stairs in an all-too-convincing manner which gave everyone quite a fright until he started to laugh .

The demand for this trip so far exceeded the beds available that Doug Peterson is to lead another group in later this winter. Check with him at SKyline 1-0793 for the date. And next year, sign up early!

—Helen Waterman

Marin County Ferns

Another delightful evening is in store for the Sierra Club East Bay Dinner on Wednesday, March 26, when John Thomas Howell, botanical curator at the California Academy of Sciences, will describe, with slides, the ferns of Marin County.

He will take us, in the form of a travelogue, from Golden Gate Bridge out to Point Reyes. You'll have your eyes opened to some of nature's beauties near home.

Please phone Mary Rihn at BEacon 3-1168 for your 6:30 dinner reservation at Willard School cafeteria, Berkeley, before 10 p.m. March 24.

—Elaine Carl

HAVASU—A Good Place To Camp-Out

If you like camping-out (and most Sierra Club members do) give the Havasu Canyon trip some serious thought.

This trip, conducted by Joe Wampler, will be from April 7 to 12. It offers the opportunity of basking in the sun, enjoying beautiful scenery, and getting some striking photographs. Who could ask for more?

There are special rates for Sierra Club members. The cost, of only $43, includes all food on the trip beginning with lunch on Monday, April 7, and ending with lunch on Saturday, April 12. The trip starts at Hualpai Hilltop, about 70 miles beyond Peach Springs, Arizona.

To make reservations, and obtain information, please contact: Pauline Lee, 2517 Virginia Street, Berkeley 4, THornwall 3-8194. Reservations should be accompanied by the full fee, $43, which is payable to Joe Wampler.

Dancing in Daly City

We are overjoyed to announce the beginning of folk dancing classes at the War Memorial Community Center in Daly City. They start on Monday, March 3, and continue weekly through April and May, culminating in a frightfully wild graduation party on May 26 (oh, boy!) Elsie MacLaren is the lady in charge, and she specializes in drawing out shy beginners, with an eye for good party material. The Community Center is on Mission Street, and your dancing pals will expect to see you at 7:30 p.m. Oh yes, money. Well, $2 will see you through the course, if you are a twosome. If you insist on coming solo every time, presumably it will cost you $1. For further information and registration, phone PLaza 5-0065 between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

WANTED: Riders to Anchorage/Fairbanks, Alaska, one way only. Leaving June 6. TRinidad 2-2302 evenings, weekends.

NEW NYLON climbing rope, 3/8-in. dia., 120-ft. long, $15; Swiss ski boots, size 4 1/2 B, fit ladies shoe 6 1/2-7, almost new, $15; Tailored ski pants, size 14, almost new, $15. Helen Pierson, 860 Sutter, SF. SUtter 1-7800 ext. 33, days; PRospect 5-1522 5:30-6 or 9:30-10 p.m.

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Helen Waterman and Donna Harvey enjoying the spectacular view of Sierra Buttes during a recent snowshoe trip to Salmon Lake.

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Population Growth May Doom Wild Life Species

Conservation Week is at hand, and guess who will be awake to see it in? Naturally the Sierra Club, but also the radio stations. On Sunday morning, March 9, at 9:15 a.m., as part of the regular program "University of California Explorer," KCBS will broadcast a talk on "Malthus and the Whooping Crane," for those who manage to drag themselves out of bed in time. For those who don't, it will be rebroadcast on KFRC Monday, March 10, at 9:35 p.m.

Over KPFA, on Wednesday, March 12, at 5:15 p.m., Janet Nickelsburg, a well-known naturalist, will present a program for junior wilderness lovers, entitled, "What Young People Can Do About Conservation." And this one will be rebroadcast on Saturday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m. So . . . keep your eyes and ears open. You may learn something yet.

Expanding human populations may eventually doom most of the world's wild life in spite of the best efforts of conservationists.

This is the conclusion of Dr. Raymond B. Cowles, professor of zoology in the University of California, Los Angeles, who points out that most large vertebrates, such as the bison and bear, have already been largely exterminated in this country except in state or national parks.

Dr. Cowles' views on the difficulty of maintaining wild species in the face of population pressures will be discussed by the University Explorer in a Conservation Week broadcast.

To Circulation Managers of other Club publications, Council Representatives, issuers of press releases, and any one else who may be sending materials to me personally because of my capacity as Yodeleditor. *SEND YOUR COPY TO THE YODELER AT THE CLUB OFFICE.* Mail arriving at my home during April and May will be opened upon by return from Europe in June.

Howard Frohlich, Yodeleditor

THEN AND NOW

Twenty-nine years have gone by since the Sierra Club Bulletin of April 1929 had this to say: "The State Park on Tamalpais is about to be established, after three years of effort. Only $8,066 is needed as the quota of outing Club members. Many Sierrans have contributed liberally; others are invited to do so. The State Park Commission, of which William E. Colby is chairman, brought a suit in condemnation against 526 acres on Mt. Tamalpais. Judge McKenzie on March 19 fixed the value at $52,600 . . . the whole forms a great natural park of about 12,000 acres . . . There is no finer recreation area close to a metropolitan district in the country. Work for it!"

And now it is too small, and the land we need will cost a million dollars.

It is still worth working for.

—C.M.C.